REMARKS

Prior to the first Office Action being issued in this case, applicant provides the above amendments to correct a typographical error in the specification and add yet additional claims in an attempt to provide the applicant with an appropriate scope of protection for this invention.

In addition, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the attached Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each reference cited therein. Official consideration of each such reference is respectfully requested. These documents were cited in a search report from the GB Patent Office based on applicant's priority application. Official consideration and citation of each such reference is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claim(s) by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing current revisions is attached.

Page 23, line 7, change the left side heading of Table 2 from "down port Link Status" to --Modular Port Link Status-- so that Table 2 now appears as shown below:

Modular [down] Port Link Status		up TX multiplexer
LinkOK	Active	data source
false	Don't care	down RX
Don't care	false	down RX
true	true	Modular RX

Table 2 - Truth table for up Port TX multiplexer data source